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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action dated March 30, 1999, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1 - 3 without prejudice.

Please cancel claims 4-6 and replace them with the following new claims:

34. An apparatus, comprising:  
a base apparatus which includes a first sheet transporting path extending substantially

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